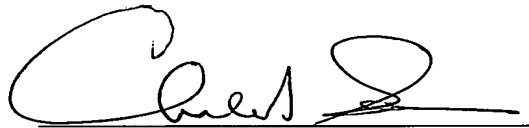


REMARKS .

Entry of the above preliminary amendment is respectfully requested. After entry of the here-enclosed amendment: Claims 3-7, 9, 11-15, 17-19, 24-25, 28-29 and 35-36 are amended; Claims 1-36 are pending; and, Claim 37 is canceled.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Charles I. Sherman', written over a horizontal line.

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